

Manistee PEG-TV Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday Sep 4 – 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was chaired and called to order by Kathy Ervin at 6:35 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance spoken

Present: Keith Brown, Kathy Ervin, Dean Kruse, Alan Marshall, Michelle Wright and Daniel Wrzesinski, Dale Kolanowski, Mark Standstedt

Absent: Dan Freeburg

Approval of the Agenda, Motion by Ervin, supported by Kruse. Motion was passed.

Approval of July 9, 2012 minutes. Motion by Standstedt, supported by Kruse. Motion passed. There was a brief comment by Standstedt about a grant for the taping of Manistee County Commissioners meetings and that he would like to discuss it later in the meeting.

Unfinished Business:

1. Approval was made at the last meeting for changes to the City of Manistee REG-TV Ordinance, Chapter 288, section B. The changes read as follows:

The Commission shall consist of seven member. Up to two members may be appointed by the Filer Township of Supervisors. All other Commission members shall be Manistee County residents and appointed by the City Council provided, however, that an employee of the PEG operator, or a member of their immediate family, may not serve on the PEG Commission. Employees of the PEG operator will be provided notice of all meetings and invited to attend and participate in discussions of the PEG Commission.

However, Filer Township didn't approve the Ordinance at their meeting because they felt the text reading: *Filer Township of Supervisors* was misleading due to there being only one township supervisor. PEG discussed the matter and agreed that *Filer Township Board of Trustees* would be a more accurate representation. Motion to pass said changes was made by Ervin and seconded by Kruse. Motion was passed. Michelle Wright recommended that a copy of changes to be made should be sent to Filer Township for approval at their meeting.

There was no citizen comment.

Executive Director, Keith Brown, gave his monthly report. (See attachment) There was some further discussion on having the Manistee County Commissioners meetings taped.

New Business:

1. Standstedt discussed the grant proposal. He mentioned that when Manistee County Commissioners were first approached about the subject, their primary issue was the cost. Standsted then mentioned that getting a grant was an option and that an application for one had already been submitted on time. However the ways and means committee did not approve the grant, and the reasoning was that the broadcast of meetings doesn't reach enough of the Manistee County audience. Standsted made the point that the meetings are also on the TV station's webpage, and the internet is available anywhere. Standsted said he does not believe this is a dead issue, that other options are being investigated, and there is a great importance in getting these meetings taped. Marshall mentioned that, with the upcoming election, there will be new faces on the Manistee County Commissioners board, and that may bring a change-of-attitude about the issue. Everyone agreed that the meetings should be taped, and that it can be done with the Manistee County Commissioners' cooperation or not, and that accountability is a big factor in the matter.

There was also some discussion regarding the equipment that will be necessary to get these meetings taped.

2. Marshall commented that he will be leaving City Counsel, but plans to reinstate his role on the PEG commission.

There was no other business.

The next meeting date is scheduled for November 12, 2012 – 6:30 at MHS Conference Room.

Motion to adjourn. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,
Dan Wrzesinski